



The Brooklyn International High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

Lindsay Shields worked as a teacher at our school for the fall semester of the 2008-2009 school year, replacing a twelfth grade English teacher who was out on maternity leave. In a school that exemplifies team work, she was the perfect fit for us. She demonstrated excellence and flexibility across the board, stepping up to take on every inter-curricular project that had been designed by the team prior to her arrival and melding them seamlessly with her own exciting activities and extraordinary style. Her extensive technological savvy was an asset in all she did, as was her genuine, caring attitude.

She seized upon every outside opportunity that arose to enrich the educational process for her students. She offered and served as the liaison with Dance Theatre Etcetera to provide drama classes after-school when no other staff member did so; she designed a school-wide program for the Poetry Read Aloud here at our campus and coordinated it with the national event; she did not hesitate to volunteer to enroll all her classes in the Theater Development Fund's enrichment program to bring in a teaching artist to class to prepare students to attend a Broadway show and created meaningful follow-up activities for lessons after the performance.

She was able to work extremely well with both staff and students and has maintained close relationships with many of them, even now, months after leaving. She exceeded every expectation that one might have for a "substitute" teacher and went well above and beyond what was expected of her. It would be an honor for any institute to count her as a member of their staff and I recommend her highly for any opening that arises.

Respectfully,

Pamela Taranto,

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